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SUBJECT: FIRST REPORT FROM KILI.

1. ARRIVED KILI MIDAFTERNOON SEPTEMBER 3 AND WENT ASHORE IMMEDIATELY BY SMALL BOAT, THERE TO BE GREETED MOST CORDIALLY BY A RECEIVING LINE OF PERHAPS 100 EXTENDING FROM THE BOAT LANDING TO THE MEETING HALL. ESSENTIALLY ENTIRE VILLAGE, MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN THEN ASSEMBLED FOR A MEETING LASTING UNTIL EVENING. THE MAGISTRATE INTRODUCED THE MEETING AND ACCORDING TO CUSTOM WAS FOLLOWED BY A LONG PRAYER. HE THEN INTRODUCED DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR OSCAR DEBRUM. DEBRUM INTRODUCED THE VISITORS AND SUMMARIZED THE RESULTS OF THE AUGUST 12 LIVERMORE MEETING. HE THEN ASKED ME TO MAKE A DETAILED REPORT. I REVIEWED THE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1974 AND REPORTED IN DETAIL THE RESULTS OF THE JUNE 1975 SURVEY AND OUR RECOMMENDATIONS DERIVING THEREFROM. A BIKINI SPOKESMAN THANKED ME AND DISTAD DEBRUM FOR OUR REPORTS BUT STATED THAT THE INFORMATION WE HAD BROUGHT HAD MADE THE KILI PEOPLE SAD. "IT WAS NOT

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ENGLAND OR JAPAN OR CHINA, HE SAID, "WHO TOLD US IN 1968 THAT IT WAS SAFE TO RETURN TO BIKINI. IT WAS THE UNITED STATES SCIENTISTS WHO SAID BIKINI WAS SAFE. PERHAPS IT WAS PROVIDENCE WHICH KEPT US FROM RETURNING THEN; WE WOULD ALL BE DEAD FROM RADIATION BY NOW." I EXPLAINED THAT BIKINI IS SAFE AND THAT THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE RETURNED THERE ARE NOT IN DANGER, BUT THAT OUR RECENT SURVEY AND LABORATORY WORK HAS LED US TO CONCLUDE THAT CERTAIN BIKINI FOODS SHOULD NOT BE EATEN. (THIS IS A VERY BRIEF SUMMARY. WE WILL PREPARE A MORE COMPLETE RECORD.)

2. IN MY SECOND REPORT FROM MAJURO I INDICATED SOME APPREHENSION ABOUT THE ROLE OF ATTORNEY GEORGE ALLEN. HE DID NOT DISAPPOINT ME. FOLLOWING MY REMARKS HE INTRODUCED HIMSELF, PROMISED TO BE THE PEOPLE'S CHAMPION, AND THEN PROCEEDED TO EXPRESS HIS RESERVATIONS REGARDING ERDA'S PRESENTATIONS AND ACTIONS. DISTAD DEBRUM DESCRIBES THAT SCENE AS A CROSS EXAMINATION, WHEREIN ALLEN CHALLENGED ICRP AND FRC STANDARDS, THE OBJECTIVITY OF OUR ADVISORS, ETC. HE INDICATED THAT HE COULD NOT ADVISE HIS CLIENTS TO ACCEPT OUR RECOMMENDATIONS UNTIL THEY COULD BE STUDIED BY OTHER INDEPENDENT SCIENTISTS, AND INVOKED THE DOI PRESS RELEASE AS SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION. HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE KILI PEOPLE NOT RETURN TO BIKINI PENDING FURTHER ACTION IN THEIR BEHALF BY LEGAL SERVICES. IN THIS PROCESS ALLEN ALSO QUESTIONED AND CROSS EXAMINED PAUL

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GUDI KSEN ON SURVEY RESULTS, BUT SELDOM STAYED WITH ANY SPECIFIC ISSUE LONG ENOUGH FOR A SATISFACTORY EXCHANGE. ALLEN WAS FOLLOWED BY A KILI SPOKESMAN WHO SAID THAT THE KILI PEOPLE DO NOT BLAME THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE TRUST TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION, OR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR. THEY BLAME THE US SCIENTISTS WHO TOLD THEM BIKINI WAS SAFE. HE SAID IT WOULD BE TRAGIC NOW IF PEOPLE MOVED TO ENYU AND LATER FOUND IT NOT SAFE. HE AGAIN EXPRESSED CONCERN FOR THOSE "ALREADY EXPOSED" AT BIKINI.

3. WE DID OUR BEST TO CLARIFY THE BIKINI EXPOSURE SITUATION AND TO ALLAY FEARS REGARDING PRESENT BIKINI RESIDENTS. WE PROMISED TO VISIT BIKINI THIS WEEK TO INFORM THOSE RESIDENTS OF OUR FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. TOWARD THE END OF THIS MEETING SEVERAL REFERENCES WERE MADE TO DR. CONARD'S STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS. HE IS HELD PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR "MISLEADING THE PEOPLE" AS TO BIKINI CONDITIONS. MORE ON THIS IN TOMORROW'S REPORT.

5. AFTER A LONG MEETING SEPTEMBER 3 WE RECESSED AT THE REQUEST OF KILI LEADERS AND OUR PARTY RETURNED TO SHIP OVERNIGHT SO THAT THE KILI COMMUNITY MIGHT CONSIDER OUR FINDINGS.

6. YOUR MESSAGE CLARIFYING DR. BILES' REMARKS REACHED ME BY RADIO

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(NOT VERBATIM BUT SUFFICIENT TO BE MOST HELPFUL) DURING FIRST EVENING
AT KILI. APPRECIATE TIMELY RESPONSE.

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